

Square Dancing

7/7/11

I. **Dance Number 1: Couples walking through circle**

Formation: square of eight dancers, gents should be to the left of the ladies

1. Allemande (left arm swing) with corner
2. Grand right and left
3. When couples reach each other, promenade home
4. Couple #1 swings
5. Couple #1 walks through circle, going between couple #3. Couple #1 peels the banana and comes back home.
6. Couple #1 swings
7. Couple #1 walks past four (four other dancers). Couple #1 peels the banana and comes back home.
8. Couple #1 swings
9. Couple #1 walks past 2. Couple #1 peels the banana and comes back home.
10. Couple #1 swings
11. Repeat all steps using couples #2, 3, and 4.

II. **Hook and Swing and Pigeon Wing**

Formation: square of eight dancers, gents should be to the left of the ladies

1. Allemande (left arm swing) with corner
2. Grand right and left
3. When couples reach each other, promenade home
4. Couple #1 walks to couple #2, standing in front of them.
5. 2 gent swing with hook and swing (gents swing)
6. Opposite lady with the pigeon wing (gents swing with other lady—not partner—with left arm)
7. 2 gent swing—same old thing
8. Gents swing their own lady with left arm
9. Couples #1 and #2 circle 4
10. Couple #1 ducks on through circle to couple #3
11. Repeat steps 4-10 with couples #3 and #4
12. After couple #1 has gotten home, repeat all steps from the beginning with couples #2, 3, and 4.

III. **Bird and crow**

I do not have this one. If anyone else wrote it out, will you please post it?

IV. **Red River Valley**

Formation: square of eight dancers, gents should be to the left of the ladies

1. Allemande (left arm swing) with corner
2. Grand right and left
3. When couples reach each other, promenade home
4. Couple #1 goes to couple #2
5. Couples #1 and 2 circle 4 left and 4 right

6. Gents swing the girl from the valley (not partner)
7. Gents swing their own red river girl (partner)
8. Couple #1 continues to couple #3
9. Repeat steps 4-8 with couple #3 and 4
10. After couple #1 has returned home, repeat all steps from the beginning with couples #2, 3, and 4.

V. **Six on the sides and 2 on the head**

Formation: square of eight dancers, gents should be to the left of the ladies

1. Couple #1 goes to couple #2
2. Couple #1 and 2 circle 4.
3. The gent from couple #1 leaves his lady and goes to couple #3
4. Gent and couple #3 circle 3
5. Gent takes lady from couple #3 to couple #4
6. Gent, lady, and couple #4 circle 4
7. Gent goes home alone
8. 6 on sides come in and out
9. Head boys do-si-do
10. 6 on sides come in and out
11. Head boys see-saw (opposite of do-si-do)
12. 6 on sides perform right hand lift and left lady goes under. Both ladies go through and go to head boys.
13. Repeat steps 1-12 until couples are back together
14. When back together, swing like thunder!
15. Allemande corner
16. Grand right and left
17. Promenade home
18. Repeat all steps with couples #2, 3, and 4

VI. **Grapevine**

Formation: square of eight dancers, gents should be to the left of the ladies

1. Couple #1 goes to couple #2
2. Couple #1 grapevine twists around lady in couple #2 (basically, they walk around her)
3. When couple #1 comes back into the circle, they make the top of a figure 8
4. Couple #1 grapevine twists around gent
5. Couples #1 and 2 circle 4
6. Couples #1 and 2 repeat steps with couple #3. Circle 6
7. Couples #1, 2, and 3 repeat steps with couple #4. Circle 8.
8. Go back home and swing partner.
9. Allemande corner
10. Grand right and left
11. Promenade home
12. Repeat all steps using couples #2, 3, and 4

VII. **Nine Pin**

Formation: square of eight dancers with one or two extras (nine pins) in the center, gents should be to the left of the ladies

1. Eight dancers allemande corner
2. Grand right and left
3. Promenade home
4. Head couples bow to nine pin
5. Side couples bow to nine pin
6. Gents from head couples swing a nine pin (if there are two nine pins)
7. Gents from side couples swing a nine pin
8. All ladies circle around the nine pins
9. Nine pins join circle of ladies
10. Ladies circle until the caller tells them to find the nearest gent to swing
11. This will leave 2 new nine pins without a partner